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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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(35 U.S.C. 113)
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## **Letter of Declaration**

**Blind Choice  
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**I have invented a board game called Blind Choice. It consists of one board game piece 16"x16" divided into four sections of colors, blue, red, green and yellow. Each color on the board is triangular in shape. The four outer borders of the board are black with the words Blind Choice printed. Each colored triangular section has twenty-five holes to fit twenty-five marbles of the same color. In the center of the board is a white circle with eight holes for eight white marbles. The exact center of the board is black with one hole for a black marble. The game consists of one board, one bag for the marbles, one die, one black marble, eight white marbles, twenty-five blue marbles, twenty-five red marbles, twenty-five green marbles, twenty-five yellow marbles and one set of rules. The object of the game is to get all your colored marbles on the board first following the rules.**

**I have played board games throughout my life and have always enjoyed the ones played with marbles.**

**This game I invented came to me suddenly one night and I realized there was no other game like it. I immediately made a photo-type of the game, of which three pictures are included, and finalized the rules. The pictures are overview shots depicting the game board and pieces.**

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**I am enclosing three colored photographs of “Blind Choice”. Due to the fact that my invention is a board game that incorporates a colored board and colored marbles I feel it is necessary to use colored photographs instead of drawings. I am enclosing the appropriate fee set forth in patent fee code 122.**